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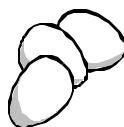
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were higher on all sizes. Prices were unchanged in most other locations. The market tone was fully steady in the Southeast, steady to occasionally fully steady in the Midwest, and mostly steady in the Northeast. Demand continued in a full range of light to good and was best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate and remained confidently held. Breaking stock demand was light for sufficient offerings. Light type hens were short to barely adequate for reduced processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate, slightly better where featured. Supplies were adequate and confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hen availability was short to barely adequate for reduced processing schedules.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to occasionally good, better here promotional activity was either in progress or where planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents higher for large and were unchanged for medium and small. Prices in other reported areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment remains steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was somewhat mixed ranging light to fairly good, usually moderate and best in areas with planned feature activity. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate to available. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules varied for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for larger sizes increased 2 cents, mediums unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate and larger sizes more closely balanced.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady entering the weekend. Asking prices for next week were trending sharply higher on the larger sizes and slightly higher on mediums. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate and remained confidently held. Breaking stock demand was fair for sufficient supplies. Light type hens were short to barely adequate for lighter than normal processing schedules.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in good balance.

## PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	97-102	89-95	75-77
New York	67-71	65-69	47-51
Philadelphia	58-69	57-67	44.5-49
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49.5-55	47.5-53	37.5-40
Jackson (1)	54-56	52-54	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-74	63-73	45-55
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	60-64	58-62	39-43
Detroit (2)	50-55	49-54	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-56	51-54	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-60	52-58	38-43
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	74-77	69-73	53-55
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	75-84	73-78	59-64
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	92	86	72
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(3) - Reported Invoice prices	
(2) - Delivered Warehouse		(4) - Prices to Retailers	

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 52. Ads in Southern California: major-large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets-extra large dozen 89, 18 pack 99, large dozen 99.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	94
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	86
MEDIUM	72

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	77-86
EXTRA LARGE	75-84
LARGE	73-78
MEDIUM	59-64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices remain unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate to available. Many breakers continued to maintain reduced separation schedules for next week and held whole egg with increased confidence. Liquid yolk and white offerings continued tight. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules varied for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-31	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone continued steady. Demand was fair as most buyers were not actively seeking additional product. Offerings were sufficient from regular suppliers even though some breakers were offering out nest run to graded channels. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 23, 2002 was 5 percent more than last week and was 1 percent more than the previous year.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-19.5	13-17
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 23-Feb-02  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,148,209	27,263	10,647	6,045	3,084	4,063
PW	1,162,527	25,902	12,239	6,246	3,031	4,192
LY	1,095,074	25,487	10,772	5,804	2,447	3,948
% CHG PW	-1	5	-13	-3	2	-3
% CHG LY	5	7	-1	4	26	3
2002	9,062,650	202,586	93,049	49,641	24,783	33,022
2001	8,677,341	196,821	87,258	48,182	20,949	31,621
% CHG YTD	4	3	7	3	18	4
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		41.82	41.79	42.02		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		38.28	38.18	38.41		

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk traded at 59 to 60 cents FOB. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites, mostly steady on yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, barely adequate to tight for yolk and whites. Demand was improved and noted as fairly good for all products. Most breakers reducing separation schedules for next week. Nest run breaking stock prices were generally unchanged from last week with regular commitments satisfying most breakers needs.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 01 March, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	23	23.5-26	25.26	-.15
WHITES	11	8.5-14.5	10.68	.82
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, but unchanged to lower on yolks, and unchanged to higher on whole when compared to previous week's trading. Demand and trading was limited and irregular. However, some additional inquiry was noted. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. The market tone was unsettled on yolks, improved on whole and generally steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 23, 2002 were 8% higher than the previous week, but 1% lower than the same week last year.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL CONTAINERS)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	38-45	39-41	47-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		63-85
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-75	73-75	77-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-72	69-71	73-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Prices ranged higher for whole egg and salted yolk and unchanged to lower on whites and sugared yolk. Trade sentiment generally steady on all products. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with most breakers continuing to allow inventories from regularly committed suppliers build. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL CONTAINERS)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	39-42		
WHITES	21-32	22-24	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75	73-75	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-71		

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/23 was 3% more than the previous week. Breaking stock light. Frozen demand improved and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	46-49
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were higher on albumen and unchanged on the balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Trading was very light on whites, and light although some improvement was noted on other products. Demand overall was generally unaggressive. Supplies were adequate and available if needed. The undertone was unsettled on albumen and usually steady on other items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending February 23, 2002 were 2% higher than the previous week and 26% more than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 18% higher than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.40-1.75	MOSTLY	1.45-1.55
YOLKS	1.61-1.90	MOSTLY	1.70-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.80-2.20	MOSTLY	1.90-2.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.14-1.30	MOSTLY	1.15-1.20

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 22, 2002-FEB 28, 2002**

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
97.25								118.25								215.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W XL	—	—	38.00	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	46.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 1	39.60	47.32	39.13	42.83	45.72	43.00	109.00	GNR W 1	—	50.98	—	—	—	—	29.00								
GNR W 2	—	47.75	42.00	—	42.00	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	26.00	2.75	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	26.50	27.50	—	—	1.00	GL W J	59.00	—	—	61.00	—	66.75	5.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	49.50	51.00	54.00	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	56.33	—	—	—	60.59	17.75								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.33	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	57.00	—	59.90	—	59.23	24.50								
GL W XL	53.50	55.90	47.83	50.90	50.32	—	41.25	GL W MD	—	37.00	—	—	—	44.75	2.25								
GL W LG	51.00	55.18	48.63	50.67	50.94	69.00	42.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	30.00	—	—	1.00								
GL W MD	—	35.00	31.38	33.25	36.00	—	11.25	NRBS - 39	—	19.50	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	26.38	27.88	24.50	26.00	23.00	—	5.00																
NRBS - 48	27.00	30.00	27.00	28.89	28.10	30.00	20.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.00	15.00	17.36	19.03	31.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the mostly about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Canner movement was fair with generally sufficient offerings. The undertone was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to ample with demand continuing light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand for spent fowl was only moderate for at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair with processing schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.24	64.37	48.45
SOUTHERN	59.51	57.94	43.81
MIDWEST	56.12	54.54	39.89
WESTERN	83.38	78.62	64.25
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.57	66.71	51.82

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was mostly fair for a light to moderate demand. Offerings were irregular but at least adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

24-25 MAJORITY 32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-27.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5 32.5-38 MAJORITY 34-35

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-Feb-02**

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,867	1,286	3,153
LAST WEEK	1,719	1,186	2,905
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,933	1,237	3,170
TO-DATE/2002	14,555	10,125	24,680
TO-DATE/2001	14,567	10,121	24,688

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	450	0	450
LAST WEEK	345	12	357
SAME WEEK YR AGO	483	0	483
TO-DATE/2002	2,898	20	2,918
TO-DATE/2001	4,259	48	4,307

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,317	1,286	3,603
LAST WEEK	2,064	1,198	3,262
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,416	1,237	3,653
TO-DATE/2002	17,453	10,145	27,598
TO-DATE/2001	18,826	10,169	28,995

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Feb 16, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	344	191	1,927	822
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	22	0	22
Total	344	213	1,927	844

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Feb 16, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	212	149	650	821
Frozen	58	46	400	148
Dried	93	27	316	67
Total	363	222	1,366	1,036

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Feb 16, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	120	200	360	930
Large	800	1,790	5,059	11,261
Medium	1,380	1,110	3,860	2,160
Ungraded	0	750	0	9,810
Misc	900	0	966	1,687
Total	3,200	3,850	10,245	25,848

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	39-42	20-24	7-10

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	81-84	74-77	56-59	25-28

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56-66	49-53	47-52	36-39	25-29

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 25-Feb-02	1,600	134,327	76,681
AM 1-Feb-02	2,381	112,107	69,729
CHG	-781	22220	6952
PCT CHG	-33	20	10

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 23-Feb-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.5	20.8	3	0
BOSTON	3.4	3.2	6	-13
CHICAGO	33.9	38.0	-11	-32
DETROIT	31.8	32.4	-2	23
KANSAS CITY	3.1	11.0	-72	-47
LOS ANGELES	105.4	115.6	-9	-19
NEW ORLEANS	9.1	9.0	1	0
NEW YORK	36.5	40.4	-10	8
ST. LOUIS	19.4	20.6	-6	54
SAN FRANCISCO	23.3	22.3	4	-5
TOTAL	287.4	313.3	-8	-10
4 WK MVG AVG	301.1			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 23-Feb-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	227.4	1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	538.1	4	9
W.N. CENTRAL	277.5	1	7
S. ATLANTIC	200.5	6	2
S. CENTRAL	86.0	1	15
WEST	193.8	2	4
TOTAL	1523.3	3	6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		88	88

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG**

FEBRUARY 26, 2002.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	111 -	103 -	89 -	58 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	104-108 106-107	96-100 98-99	81-85 83-84	51-55 53-54
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	111-115 111	103-107 103	88-92 88	57-61 57
VERMONT MOSTLY	112-115 112	104-105 104	89-90 90	- -

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